

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

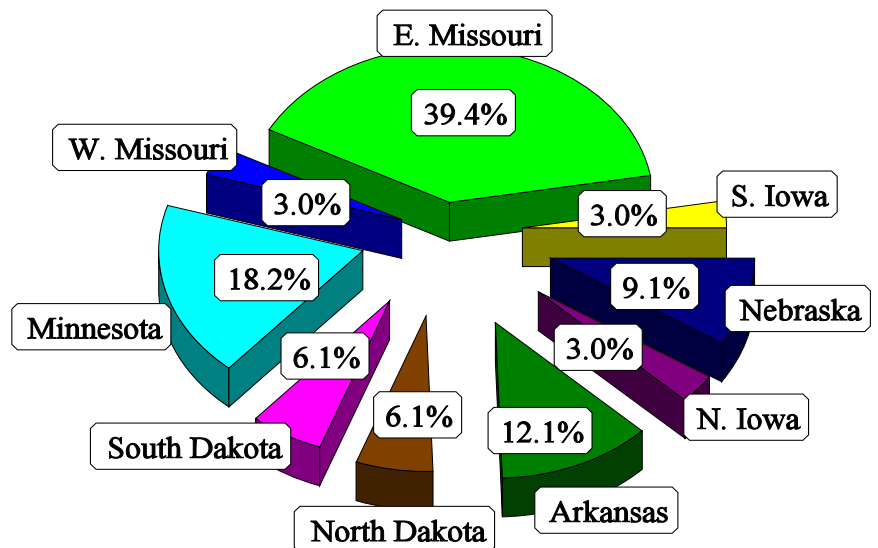
JANUARY 1, 2017 thru DECEMBER 31, 2017

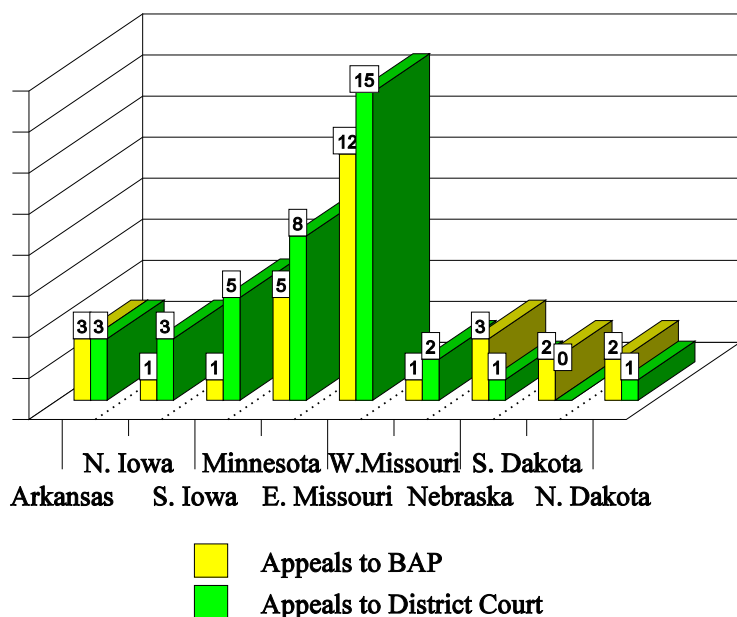
New Case Filings

Thirty-three new cases were docketed by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2017. Five of those cases (15%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, seventeen were appeals from contested matters and sixteen were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Arkansas	4
Northern Iowa	1
Southern Iowa	1
Minnesota	6
Eastern Missouri	13
Western Missouri	1
Nebraska	3
South Dakota	2
North Dakota	2
TOTAL	33





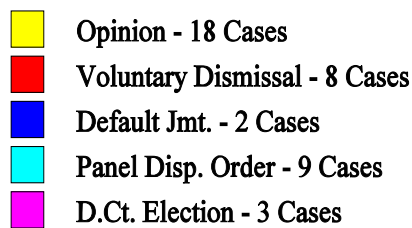
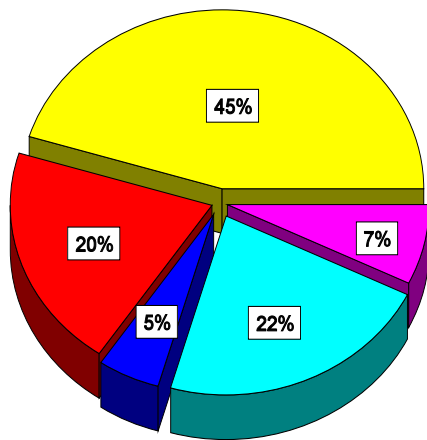
District Court Elections

The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In 2017, sixty-eight appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Thirty of those cases (44%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; thirty-eight of the cases (56%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

Case Processing Time

In 2017, Administrative Panel matters were resolved, on average, in just over three days. Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases which were briefed, submitted on the merits and subsequently closed in 2017.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	86 days 2.8 months	80 days 2.6 months	33 days 1.1 months	199 days 6.5 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	120 days 3.9 months	31 days 1 month	26 days .8 months	177 days 5.7 months
All Cases	98 days 3.2 months	63 days 2.1 months	31 days 1 month	192 days 6.3 months

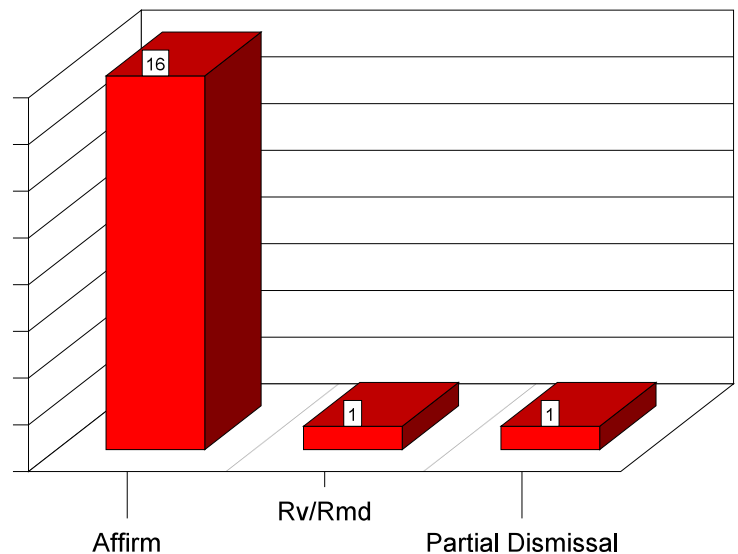


Case Dispositions

Forty cases were closed in 2017. The court wrote a total of eighteen opinions which disposed of eighteen cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 89% of the opinions affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



Panel Referrals

In 2017, thirteen referrals were made to Administrative Panels. In addition, one case was referred back to the Ad Panel, resulting in a total of fourteen Administrative Panel referrals. Six cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and ten cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha.

Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

A total of seventeen bankruptcy appeals were taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2017. Of those appeals, ten were from District Court decisions and seven were from Bankruptcy Appellate Panel decisions.

Four BAP cases were closed by the Court of Appeals in 2017. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed..	3
Dismissed..	1